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### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular reference
X	1	EP 0577259 A1 (NORTHERN TELECOM LTD) See abstract, column 2, lines 19 to 24, column 4 lines 30 to 50 and see figure 1
X	1	EP 1056170 A2 (KYOCERA CORPORATION) See abstract and note multiplexing at paragraph [0021]
X	1	US 2002/0136508 A1 (DONNO) See abstract, claims 1 and 4 and figure 1

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